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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Dennis L. Fowler, et al.
Serial No.: 10/620,298 Examiner: Kaszteina, Matthew John
Filed: July 15, 2003 Group Art Unit: 3739
Title: **INSERTABLE DEVICE AND SYSTEM FOR
MINIMAL ACCESS PROCEDURES**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 24, 2005. Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time along with the requisite fee thereby extending the date for response to August 24, 2005.

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